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Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

On and after this date, until further Notice, the Undersigned will TAKE CHARGE of the Business of the HONG-KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED, by Order of the Directors.

W. B. BANSMY, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, August 30, 1886. 1694

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of MEMBERS for the purpose of Passing the Treasurer's Accounts and Electing the Officers for the Coming Season, will be held at the CRICKET PAVILION on THURSDAY NEXT, the 2nd September, at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

H. FOSS, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, August 31, 1886. 1676

LETTERS PATENT.

In the Matter of the Petition of PERCIVAL EVERITT, of London, England, Engineer, for Letters Patent, for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong, of an Invention for "Improvements in Weighing Machines," for which Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent were granted on the 13th day of December, 1884, to the said Percival Everitt.

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JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

NOTE.
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2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

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7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1881. 74

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" 3 " 3 "
" 2 " 2 "

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Agency of
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H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1063

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Hongkong, August 9, 1886. 1532

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FOR 14 Days only

DAMAGED STOCK & REMNANTS,

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE, August 31, 1886. 1675

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TAILOR, &c.,

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LONDON, E.C.

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FOR ONE MONTH, DURING ALTERATION AND EXTENSION

OF PREMISES.

T Prepare for the arrival of FRESH SHIPMENTS, we offer as an inducement to our Customers, a Discount of

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PIANO OF SYRUPS — A selection of his best Walzer \$2.50

OPERETTE GENIUS — Beautiful Melodies from the Most Popular Operas \$2.50

Hongkong, August 26, 1886. 1639

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Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

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THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central parts of the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

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Hongkong, September 10, 1886. 1612

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Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 162

TO LET.

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Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 255

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E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.

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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
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EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.
Smoked HAMS.

Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.

Assorted SYRUPS.

CUTTING'S TABLE FRUITS.

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MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.

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HERKIN'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED LIQUEURS.

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THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
OF

OILMAN'S STORES,

at the

Lowest Possible Prices

FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1866. 1468

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HAS FOR SALE SAI KUNG LIME
of the Best Quality; always Ready
on hand.

PRICE MODERATE.

No. 17, WING FOO STREET,

QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Hongkong, July 26, 1866. 1443

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$21. " 2 "

Dubos Freres & de Germon & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS AND

WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bro'.

WHISKY.—\$72 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1864. 1187

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now
be had at this Office.—Price, 21 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Notices to Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kaisor*, having
arrived from the above Ports, Consigned
of Goods are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk
into the Godowns of Mr. W. KEARNS
Hawkins, Kowloon, whence delivery can be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Claims must be made in the Course of
the Undersigned, before Nov. 1st of the
Last, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after
the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-morrow, the 24th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 24, 1866. 1625

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenavy* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consigned of
Goods by her are hereby informed that
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or
from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m.
To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
1st September will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, August 30, 1866. 1660

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arragon* Appear having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to make immediate
delivery of their Goods alongside.

Cargo impeded in discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as none
will be entertained after the 31st Instant.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, Aug 27, 1866. 1645

Intimations.

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METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

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NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
CHRISTIE & Co.'S ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,
in great variety.

DIA MONDS.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 21, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1866. 1458

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSEZEE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Admiral, Capt. Anderson, will be
despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 6th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1866. 1678

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessels.

Captain.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

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Wyllie.....

Douglas Lappin & Co.....

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Carlowitz & Co.....

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Burnham.....

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Pacific Mail S. Co.

O. & S. S. Co.

Russell & Co.

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Butterfield & Swire.....

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Webster.....

Butterfield & Swire.....

A. B. MacFarish.....

David Sasoon, Sons & Co.

Russell & Co.

Shannon.....

O. B. Aschbach.....

C. Bechtling.....

J. Dancer.....

Adamson, Bell & Co.

Russell & Co.

Grandin.....

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THE CHINA MAIL.

An ex-policeman named Alexander McDonald, who was discharged from the Force some six weeks ago, was charged at the Police Court to-day with being drunk yesterday, refusing to pay 'riksha' hire and assaulting Constable McDonald. He was fined \$5 with the option of 10 days hard labour and ordered to pay \$5 cents to the coolie. Two other cases of drunkenness were disposed of. An Englishman named William Maxwell was fined \$3 or 7 days' hard labour. On an Irishman, Dan Connolly, who got into the same plight, the Magistrate had a little more compassion and only imposed a fine of \$2 with the alternative of four days' incarceration.

Thus forenoon an enterprising lukong brought to the Central Police Station a big box, evidently containing some weighty material, which he thought must be opium or some other valuable substance. Greatly to his disgust and displeasure the box on being broken open was found to contain the dead body of a dog the pother from which was not of the freshest. The box was found on the public road near the Gardens. It is conjectured that some exotic had been commissioned to bury the animal, and that weary of his burden he had deposited it on the road to let who cared look after it. It is perhaps as well the active lukong pointed on the box, for had it remained long on the road the effects would have been unpleasant, if not dangerous. The Police provided a decent burial for the unfortunate beast.

The programme for M. Réményi's first farewell concert has now been issued, and it will be seen that the Maestro himself is to play in no less than five numbers. In the first part, he will play Mendelssohn's andante and finale of the concerto; 'Auld Robin Gray' and 'The Campbells are Coming'; and in the second he will take part in a duet with Mr. Lockhart on the piano, and play a cavatina from Rossini, a serenade from Mozart, and Paganini's Capriccios (Nos. 21 and 24). The management has wisely reduced the price for the Dress Circle to \$2, the figure to which the Hongkong people are accustomed, and we trust this great musician will be honoured with two bumper houses before he takes his farewell. Mr. Remenyi and his Company will appear in Macao on Sunday, after which they will leave for Manila, where we have no doubt a bounteous harvest awaits them.

The Port Darwin paper refers to the return of the diggers as follows:—

A four-gated rowing boat was, we understand, despatched from Shanghai on Monday last to Hongkong, for the use of the crew who are to proceed from here to that port next month to take part in the Autumnal Regatta. A Hongkong boat will, we believe, be despatched to Shanghai on Friday. Mr. T. Glass was almost unanimously selected some time ago to be stroke of the crew, and the choice of the other members was left to himself. We believe the crew who will eventually proceed to Shanghai has not yet been fully chosen, but there is a strong probability that three of the members, including the stroke, will be men who rowed in the Scotch boat in the International Race at our last Regatta. We believe Shanghai rowers are also anxious to row against the Hongkong men in single and double sculls. The Hongkong men will leave here about the 1st proximo, so as to give them time to get into condition in Shanghai before the Regatta comes on.

A. CORRESPONDENT who recently visited Palmerston, Port Darwin, in the Northern Territory, South Australia, gives a short description of the town which may be of interest to a number of our readers:—Palmerston, a nicely laid-out township, though I should say that at the time I arrived there were not more than a hundred European inhabitants; the officials, a few men employed at the Government workshops, the two banks, four hotels and on several small schooners and steam-launches being the only whites employed. The Chinese quarter is the most thickly populated. The harbour is everything that can be desired, and an extensive jettty now being constructed, when finished will afford berthing accommodation to ships of very large tonnage. The trade of the port, with the exception of that conveyed by steamers proceeding to and from Hongkong, is almost nil. Farming, if the Chinese gardens are excluded, seems to be unknown, and sheep farming, I am told, does not exist.

A peculiarity was tried at the Police Court to-day in which a woman charged her husband Lau A Kwan with attempting to strangle her. The husband had gone to his native village about a month ago. On his return he became suspicious that his wife had been unfaithful to him, and accused her of keeping company with another man who resided in the house. His jealousy, it appears, had so worked on his mind that he resolved to strangle his wife or at least teach her a sharp lesson by endeavouring to carry out this process. Accordingly last night after a week's experience of his unhappy lot he tied his wife round his wife's neck and seemed seriously bent on strangling her. She managed, however, to cry out, and her screams being heard by the neighbours she was saved from her impending fate. The jealous husband was taken before the Police Court to-day and charged with attempting to strangle his wife. It was alleged in Court that the man from his return to the Colony had shown signs of madness, and the case was remanded for a week to obtain the opinion of the Colonial Surgeon.

The Northern Territory Times (published at Port Darwin), of a recent date says:—The steam-launch *Zululka* is now laid up while her boiler has been sent to Hongkong for repairs. There is a splendid opening for a foundry and engineering establishment at Port Darwin; what with repairs to launches and mining machinery, such a business could not fail to prove a success. Coal could be landed by sailing vessels at low freights, and the advantage of work being done on the spot would be immense.

The Kimberley Gold Fields do not seem to be the 'bonanza' they were at first reported to be. A correspondent writing from Port Darwin early in August says:—A schooner arrived here on the 1st, bringing 75 disappointed diggers from Cambridge Gulf. Many of these men got no farther than the Gulf and those who have been as far as Wyndham give a most gloomy account of the fields. From the Gulf to the diggings is about 280 miles, and the road is merely a very rough track, which must be done on foot, or by packed horses, no wheeled vehicles having as yet arrived there. Many of the men are going South again, or rather as many of them as have the means, which I am sorry to say very few of them have. Many of them have been besieging the offices of the Governor Resident, wanting to know what the work on the railway will be constructed between here and Pine Creek is likely to be commenced; and I understand that a telegraph has just been received here stating that a start will be made 10 days from now but advising all Europeans not to stay at present. I fear the majority will have to do so. Should the men not get some means of subsistence, I'm afraid there will be trouble some time for the Resident Governor. I believe at all the copper mines, sugar plantations, &c., up country here, the Chinese do all the manual labour, so there will be virtually no use of the men going into the country to seek employment. There is some word in the local paper that in a few months time, Mr. Miller, the contractor, will be able to employ 1,000 men, but how many of these will be white men it is impossible to say, and a further reinforcement may be expected from the Kimberley any day. At all events, it seems to me that this is no place for Europeans to get employment in any number for some time to come.

The Port Darwin paper refers to the return of the diggers as follows:—

The schooner *Linda Weber* of Auckland, New Zealand, 17 tons, John Bushell, master, arrived in our harbour from Cambridge Gulf on Friday evening last, in ballast. The schooner brings 75 passengers from Cambridge Gulf, and from what some of them state, the goldfields at Kimberley are a disappointment. Some allowance must be made for the fact that many of these returned diggers did not go to the field properly provided with horses and rations, but they seem to think that the finds have been very much exaggerated. From what we can learn, we may expect to see several hundred men here from the Kimberley in a few months time seeking work on our railway line. We trust they will not be denied employment, or offered starvation wages.

The German gunboat *Wolf* went into Dodo at Amoy on the 27th ultmo.

A JAPANESE photographer claims to have achieved that often desired triumph, the discovery of a method for photographing in colours. His name is Azurizawa Ryōhei, and his address No. 9, Nichome, Shinjuku-ku, Kiobashi-ku, Tokyo. He has forwarded to the *Japan Herald* a photograph of the island of Ezoshima, taken by himself in natural colour. The process employed is at present a secret; the result obtained, according to the *Herald*, is susceptible of improvement, one part being too dark, and the other rather mottled.

The Pioneer remarks with reference to the agitation in Calcutta against Government from the Himalayas, that 'the commerce of India is not passing to Bombay. The Western sea-board is holding Calcutta of but little importance; Russia is approaching our North-West frontier; the inconvenience of fitting the capital in the further East of India is more and more making itself felt in proportion as the attention of the Government and of commerce is more and more turned to the West and the North-West frontiers. As a window looking out into China, the value of Calcutta is questionable. But the future of India lies westward; and it is the Western city which promises in that future to focus in herself the life, the brain, and the intelligence of the Empire.'

A recent issue of the *Fengang Gazette* says:—We hear on good authority that the British barque *Harold*, which ~~sailed~~ ~~from~~ ~~for~~ ~~China~~ ~~for~~ ~~Singapore~~, never went near that other end of the Colony, but was soon shortly afterwards at Calcutta. It may be remembered that this vessel was a proper 'lame duck' when coming into this port, and, refusing to dock here, the Harbour authorities, after a good deal of persuasion, allowed her to go on to Singapore, at which port the *Harold* was supposed to dock. Now, we venture to advance an opinion that the whole proceeding were irregular, and it seems as if the owners of the *Sophia Jocelyn* are trying to follow in a like direction. The owners of the *Harold* are natives, and the owners of the *Sophia Jocelyn* are natives also. What are we therefore to hypothesize? Will the *Sophia Jocelyn* be allowed to clear out as early, or will she be detained as in justice she ought to be?

This from a letter from Canton dated the 14th instant:—The rumours from Szechuan are not referred to by our own correspondent when writing four days later, but we think they should be published as showing that discontent and disturbances are widespread in very populous parts of China and all owing to 'misgovernment and consequent high prices of food.' Last night 6,000 men were ordered to 'Harold' to reinforce General Feng, who is said to be the best general China now possesses; our correspondent mentions his death! he commanded the affair when the French were defeated at Lantau. I am told that news has been received from Szechuan, by way of Klang, of the cities of Wan-han and Ching-chow, on the Upper Yangtze below Ching-kung, having fallen into the hands of a body of insurgents headed by Klang men, who say they are avenging the exactions of officials on their trade, continued for years.

Supposed Loss of the 'Ferntower'

Fears are entertained regarding the safety of the British steamer *Ferntower*, Captain Kelly. The *Ferntower* left Saigon for this port on the 27th ultmo, and was in company with the German steamer *Deuterius* at midnight on the 29th, when both steamers got into a typhoon. The *Deuterius*, which arrived here yesterday morning, saw nothing of the *Ferntower* after the typhoon came on, and it is feared that as the *Ferntower* has not yet turned up that she has founders.

The *Ferntower* is a vessel of 700 tons and was consigned to Chinese.

FATAL QUARREL AT WANCHAI.

A man died yesterday in the Civil Hospital from a wound in the head received about five days ago in a quarrel in a cookhouse at Wanchai. The man, whose name is Man Achau, was employed as a cook at No. 1 Nullah Lane, where also resided a late employee in the same shop named Ho Aki. A dispute, it appears, arose on Thursday evening last between the two, with regard to the water they used, and from words they came to blows, the result being that Man Achau received a severe cut on the head with a pair of tongs. His assailant at once ran away when he saw the wound he had inflicted was a dangerous nature. The shopkeeper, who had been at but a short distance from the scene, did not lodge information at the Police Office till four hours afterwards, having employed, as he says, part of the interval in searching for the absconded culprit. As the latter was pretty well known in the district it is surmised that the search was not a very effective one.

At any rate when the Police were made aware of what happened no traces of the assailant could be got. Man Achau they say was in a dangerous condition, and they had him removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died last night. Ho Aki has not yet been found. He is supposed to have escaped to Canton.

The following is the evidence taken before Mr. Mitchell Innes as Coroner, and Messrs. L. Downes, L. Pirou, and F. J. Barros, jurors:—

Dr. P. Marques said he saw the deceased on his admission to the Government Civil Hospital on the 27th ult., being then acting for Dr. Wharry. The man was unconscious and appeared to be suffering from a sharp wound on his head. He never recovered consciousness and died on the 30th ult. He had made a post-mortem examination of the body and found a hole nearly round on the right temple and the corresponding portion of the brain injured. The wound might have been inflicted by a sharp thrust from one of the pointed ends of the fire tongs produced. Death resulted from that injury.

Wong Kuan said—I am the master of the Ngai Iku eating shop, No. 1 Nullah Lane, known as the deceased, whose name was Man Achau. He was 30 years of age. He was a water carrier and supplied water to me. On the night of the 28th ult., about nine o'clock, I was sitting outside my door cooling myself, when I heard the deceased talking to a man named Ho Aki inside his coolie room. We knew their voices.

Ho Aki had formerly been in my employ but had been discharged and had become a cook to the kerosene godowns. He was in the habit of taking his meals in the shop and sometimes slept there. I heard deceased say to Ho Aki 'why do you spoil the water so much?' I am working hard to get the water for you.' Ho Aki had been getting water to wash his feet. I heard Ho Aki say 'I do not want much, why are you quarrelling?' They went on talking and quarrelling. I heard deceased say 'I will beat you,' and then I heard what sounded like a fight, and as if something was struck with a bamboo. Then Ho Aki ran out of the shop and called out 'save life.' He ran away. I wondered why deceased did not come out, and going into the cook-room and found deceased lying on the floor. I called on my flock and had him taken from the cook room to the shop. I asked deceased what he had been struck with and he said with a pair of tongs. He was bleeding on the right temple. I got some pest and put it on his head and went and gave him some tea. I then went to find Ho Aki, going as far as the Clock Tower. I then found Ho Aki, who had formerly been in my employ but had been discharged and had become a cook to the kerosene godowns. He was in the habit of taking his meals in the shop and sometimes slept there. I heard deceased say to Ho Aki 'why do you spoil the water so much?' I am working hard to get the water for you.'

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